

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2049 - SB 2752

March 27, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the age-related cap, (65 years of age), on Permanent Total Disability under workers' compensation for employees who are permanently disabled.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Claims Award Fund
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures* - Exceeds \$100,000

Estimate assumes the average life expectancy has increased beyond 65 years of age. Current law requires payment of permanent total disability until age 65. Passage of this bill would require the employer to pay these claims for the lifetime of the claimant. The number of future claims involving state or local governments terminated under current law at age 65 that would not be terminated under the proposed bill cannot be determined but is estimated to be significant.

**Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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